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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady in all areas. Retail demand was light to fair at best with limited features. Food service was fair to instances good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were in balance to tight as sweltering heat in the Southeast continued to have an affect on availability. Floor stocks were generally balanced to long. In the parts structure, breast items and wings were mostly adequate to tight and moving well, and dark meat cuts available. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were desirable to light, also affected by hot temperatures.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cent to **81.50** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.75 cents last year on August 23, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

DOCK DDICE

DOCKFRICE
(CENTS PER POUND)
S 193.50
174.50
106.50
113.50
51.00
129.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

<u>SOUTHERN REGION</u> Trade sentiment was overall at least steady. Retail demand was fair at best, and food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were balanced to short with heat continuing to affect availability. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Breast items were in balance to tight, wings were adequate to well cleared, and dark meat was mostly sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to instances good, mostly moderate for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were noted as in good balance to well cleared with high temperatures in production areas continuing to affect availability. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance to tight. Wings and tenders were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Most dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was at least fully steady. Heat advisories continued in southern broiler areas and continued to impact quality and sizing of birds. Buyer's interest was light to inactive for the most part. Demand into retail and food service was light to good, best into fast food promotions and in-store retail ads. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights mostly in a desirable range, occasionally light. Parts trade was hand to mouth. Supplies of white meat cuts were tight and leg cuts were available and slow to clear. The market tone was steady to firm on white meat cuts and steady on dark meat lines.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> The market tone was fully steady. Offerings of heavy weights moved into better balance with current needs. Offerings of lighter weights remained at least adequate. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best where promoted. Floor stocks in fairly good balance. The market tone was steady to firm on parts, with white meat in the strongest position.

BROILER -TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 18, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 18, 2007. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through August 18, 2007 were 5.83 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

PERCENT CHANGE

WEEK ENDING 08/18/07 2007 2006 PREVIOUS YEAR EGGS SET 216,784 212,830 +02 CHICKS PLACED 178,013 175,536 +01

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 29-Sep-07 is estimated at 164.2 million head. This compares to 165.4 million head the previous week and to 164.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.62 cents per pound.

AUG 21

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 22

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS				WTD	PO	DUND	S		WTD
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	591	153.00-225.00	163-166	162.07	BREAST - B/S	651	155.00-225.00	166-169	168.94
TENDERLOINS	283	132.00-205.00	-	141.36	TENDERLOINS	243	142.00-210.00	-	159.01
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		BREAST - LINE RUN	141	95.00-110.00	97-100	98.54
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO R	EPORT	
LEGS	193	53.00-75.00	55-57	56.40	LEGS	169	52.00-75.00	55-56	56.40
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	515	41.00-50.00	43-44	44.03	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	515	42.00-50.00	44-45	44.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	762	45.00-52.00	45-47	46.77	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	970	44.00-52.00	46-48	46.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	122.00-131.00	124-127	126.80	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	124.00-131.00	-	127.80
WINGS (CUT)	138	131.00-140.00	136-139	136.24	WINGS (CUT)	180	134.00-145.00	-	138.64
DRUMSŤICKŚ	-	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		DRUMSTICKS	7	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT	
THIGHS	-	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT		THIGHS		TOO FEW TO R	EPORT	
B/S THIGHS	-	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT	l	B/S THIGHS	7	TOO FEW TO R	EPORT	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR F.O.B. DOCK

 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
 RANGE
 TODAY'S AVERAGE
 5-DAY AVERAGE

 63.00 - 68.50
 65.14
 62.50 - 69.00
 64.54
 64.44

The index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was fair to mostly moderate during midweek trading. Supplies of breast items, tenders and wings were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady for breast items and tenders, at least steady for wings. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUG 21	CURRENT NEG	WTD		AUG 22	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	<u>AVG</u>	VOL/LBS	<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175	165.42	688,920	BREAST - B/S	175	161.96	431,414
TENDERLOINS	155	147.65	205,010	TENDERLOINS	155	147.36	109,395
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	97.82	117,120	BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	102.89	52,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	96.86	88,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	95	97.45	91,800
LEGS	61-62	65.63	92,760	LEGS	61-62	64.71	110,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	50.03	288,240	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	49.75	209,080
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	64.18	124,026	DRUMSTICKS	66-67	64.52	94,952
THIGHS	53-54	62.90	72,480	THIGHS	53-54	62.26	55,400
B/S THIGHS	110-111	112.31	59,960	B/S THIGHS	110-111	112.08	47,340
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	129.25	169,760	WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	132.18	114,800
BACKS AND NECKS (ST	RIPPED) 10-12	10.88	13,400	BACKS AND NECKS (ST	RIPPED) 10-12	10.96	21,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS	35-40	36.29	6,040	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS	35-40	38.64	4,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.97	26,880	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.08	15,560

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. ** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

A \/C

								<u>AVG</u>
	ESTIMATED		<u>ACTUAL</u>		AVG WTS		<u>ACTUAL</u>	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	08/22	08/21	08/20	08/17	08/20	08/17	08/15	08/13
Alabama	3,896	3,993	3,866	3,920	5.47	5.16	3,814	5.34
Arkansas	5,079	5,059	5,202	5,720	5.32	5.02	5,022	5.30
Delmarva	2,297	2,268	2,252	2,348	5.88	5.85	2,328	5.77
KY-LA-TN	2,431	2,438	2,374	2,442	5.01	4.86	2,358	4.92
Mississippi	3,109	3,138	3,200	3,056	5.42	5.61	2,793	5.49
North Carolina	2,767	2,805	2,665	3,018	6.75	6.90	2,603	6.76
Texas	2,502	2,500	2,504	2,368	5.23	5.01	2,519	5.25
Total	22,081	22,201	22,063	22,872	5.55	5.40	21,437	5.51
Mon-Wed	66,587	(A)					65,100	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Aug-07 is estimated to be 33,036,000 head up 2.70 percent from a week ago and up 1.91 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,168,000, last year 32,417,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	70-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	124
	DRY PACK	123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	135
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	95
DUCKS		185-204

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGH	1TER	
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	<u>LIVE POULTRY SLA</u> SPECTION FOR WEEK			MA.JC	OR WHOL	FSALE N	MARKETS-ME	XICO CITY	<i>(</i>
	URRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	-				veek ending A		
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Class	\ /	ousand head	Who	ole		Legs N	lecks,Backs	Livers	
Broiler/fryer		165,741				//Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
,	166,287 (2)	•	RAYON		100010 11	,, i i iigiio	a wingo	Oizzaido	110110
Light hens	1,244	1,155			150.16	02.06	16 22	0.16	67.34
Heavy hens	1,636	1,530	Low	79.17	159.16			8.16	
Total	169,167	168,426	High	85.70	163.24			12.24	
(1)ESTIMATED			Mostly	81.62	159.16	97.94	20.40	8.16	67.34
2)The estimated nu	mber of broiler-fryers	s available for slaughter the							
•	-	n head compared to 168.5	SAN JU	AN					
		k last year. The estimated	Low	78.35	163.24	97.94	16.32	8.16	65.30
U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 2.3 million less				84.88	167.32	106.10	20.40	12.24	65.30
than estimated available. For the week of 01-Sep-07 the estimated				84.88	163.24			10.20	65.30
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WEEKLY COLD ST	CODACE HOLDINGS	S-SELECTED STGE CENTERS	Low	79.58	163.24	93.86	20.40	8.16	67.34
		-SELECTED STGE CENTERS							
(INCL GOVT STOCKS	, ,	DDOCESSED DOLU TOV	High	84.88	171.40		_	12.24	67.34
PROCESS	SED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY	Mostly	84.88	167.32	97.94	20.40	12.24	67.34
	LBS	LBS							
AM 08/20/07	110,164	84,624	BECER	RA					
AM 08/01/07	107,664	81,493	Low	80.39	163.24	97.94	20.40	8.16	69.38
CHG	2,500	3,131	High	87.33	175.48	114.27	24.49	12.24	69.38
PCT CHG	2	4	Mostly	84.48	171.40	102.02	24.49	8.16	

FOR 08/21/07

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

PF	ROCESSI	ED TURKE	PROC	ESSED PC	ULTRY	
08	/20/07 08	3/13/07 08/3	21/06	08/20/07	08/13/07	08/21/06
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,076	2,130	559	7,314	6,936	10,260
LOS	470	400	0.50	4 0 4 =	4 00 4	0.004
ANGELES	173	160	252	1,045	1,084	2,864

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

RABBITS lb.

PIGEONS lb.

SILKIES ea.

GUINEA FOWL lb.

GUINEA PIGS ea. CHUKARS ea. TOTAL COOPS 125

GUINEA KEETS ea. -

DUCKLINGS lb.

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBSAND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2007

RANGE HENS ICE PACKED(12 PER BOX) 69-79 70-80 VACUUM PACKED(6-9 PER BOX)

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW I	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL Ib	. 1.20	1.30	1.26	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.00	4.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-		-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.50	5.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	4.75	7.00	-

1.70 1.16 RABBITS ea.

- PIGEONS ea.

- GUINEA FOWL ea.

- DUCKLINGS ea.

- CALL DUCKS ea.

- GOSLINGS ea. - TURKEY POULTS ea. - **DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good for midweek trading. Seller offerings were in good balance to tight for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were mostly moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 77 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was noted as at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items continued balanced to tight. Most dark meat cuts were reported as generally sufficient. Wings were adequate to well cleared.

BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A
75-92
(A)
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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5.00

2.00